



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: Method and Business Process for the Estimation of Erosion Costs in
Assemble-to-Order Manufacturing Operations
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RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated September 29, 2004, and the Advisory Action dated January 21, 2005, having a shortened statutory period set to expire on December 29, 2004. Accompanying this response is a Two-Month Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time setting a new time for response of February 28, 2005. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.